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From: KARL J ERICKSON [KJERICKSON@PSEA.NET]

Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 4:56 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)

Subject: AST

Respectfully I submit the following.

I was born and raised in bush Alaska. I have been in Law Enforcement for 19+ years, 17+ with the Alaska State Troopers, which makes me one of the old guys. I have spent 14 years working in the Bush, my locations have been Anchorage, Kotzebue, Soldotna, Glennallen, Kotzebue and Unalakleet.

The Academy seems like a lifetime ago as I enter the later part of my career. As I look back over my career one of the things that stands out is the change in our place in the "hierarchy" of departments in the State. At one point we stood out as the premier organization, as far as employment package and personnel. We no longer standout in those respects.

As I recall the last few years we have been "blessed" with a 3% increase in our wages each year! Before I could celebrate those increases, I was reminded that my "state housing" bill jumped 3% to coincide with my "raise". That sure put allot of "extra" money into my pocket. So forgive me when I look very cynically at the 3/3/3 and then 4/3/3 numbers the DOA presented to PSEA at the last meeting.

I have read alot about comparing AST and APD and yes their employment package is better, yes they have taken several of our troops and continue to do that. In my opinion it is like comparing apples and oranges. While we do many things similar to them, they don't do many things similar to us. At the beginning of my career I worked along side of them in Anchorage. When they needed back up, they got a half dozen or more cars/officers. Out here in the bush there usually is not back up. I don't recall the last time a APD officer switched to AST, that speaks volumes.

We struggle to fill vacancies statewide and specifically in the bush. With the current contract proposals offered by the DOA, you will never get those vacancies filled. I would compare this to swimming up a waterfall, it ain't going to happen.

Being a "career" bush trooper I want to point out a few of the costs all residents of the bush deal with. Gas $5.00 a gallon, a gallon of milk for $8.00, a dozen eggs for $4.00 and so on. Again these are costs all residents out here deal with. The difference is that I am doing a job out here that no one else wants to do, can do or is willing to do. Someone once gave me a story of "Sheepdogs", it talks about society being Sheep, Wolves and Sheepdogs, well I am a Sheepdog. When the shots are fired, I am the one running towards the shots, while everyone else is running away. I often wonder what it would be like to have a job that did not require a ballistic vest and a gun on my waist, I along with all the Troopers and other Law Enforcement officers put our life on the line everyday. When all the Sheepdogs are gone who will protect the Sheep?

Please make a decision to make sure there are Sheepdogs and that the compensation is worth risking their lives everyday. The decision is yours to make.

thank you for you time,
Karl Erickson
Unalakleet, Ak. 99684

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 6:23 AM

To: Mike Tibbles; gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Kris Perry; M Nizich; Frank Bailey

Subject: Re: DC Office/personnel changes

I have posed that question to him. He is going to look around a bit and then let us know.

It was good to see you on Tuesday.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 2/28/2008 at 10:07 AM, in message <489377320-1204211499-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-746166270-@bxe103.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Ok thanks - I'll be thinking of others, while you also think of replacements and/or reconfigurations. Does Sam want to cont working for the state while back in AK?
> Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
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> Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 16:50:29
> To:"Mike Tibbles" <tibbles@alaska.net>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
> Cc:<kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>,"Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>
> Subject: DC Office/personnel changes
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> Sam Bishop advised me today that he and his wife have decided to move back to Fairbanks. They and their children want to be closer to family and friends. Sam will be leaving the DC office effective July 1.
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> As Allison Nyholm has mentioned, she will be getting married and moving to Salt Lake City. Her last day in the DC office will be sometime in May.
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> I am sorry to loose both of them. They have been excellent public servants, but I respect their decision that family always comes first.
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> I wanted you to be aware of these developments rather than hearing about them

from the Alaska grapevine. Of course, their leaving will have a significant impact on the DC office, and I'm beginning to think about competent replacements. If either of you or the other addressees on this email have thoughts about possible candidates, please let me know. In the meantime, I will look around myself both in Alaska and among Alaskans back here.

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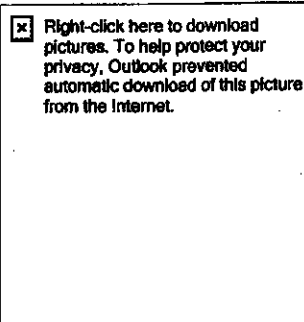
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 4:10 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)

Cc: Leschper; Beth (GOV)

Subject: San Francisco Chronicle

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/sfgate/detail?blogid=14&entry_id=24593

Who's Sarah Palin? She's Hot where He's Not

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Forget regional balance and those white guys in suits. Alaska's young, hot, Vogue-posing, female Republican governor could become the popular favorite to be Sen. John McCain's running mate.

Named by Alaska Magazine as "America's Hottest Governor," Palin (pronounced Pay-lin) is getting big buzz in the conservative press and talk radio. Fans have a "Draft Sarah Palin" movement. What better balance for the 71-year-old nominee who could be facing a 46-year-old phenomenon?

A former athlete and beauty queen, Palin's approval ratings hover in 90 percent zone. Take that Barack. She was born in 1964 (1936 for McCain) and has four kids named Bristol, Piper, Track, and Willow. She could win Marin County on that alone. Plus a handsome fisherman hubby known as "First Dude."

Palin became a public hero taking on special interests, who practically own the Alaska political establishment. Forced to resign from the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission after complaining to Republican Gov. Frank Murkowski about corruption, she was banished to the political wilderness before coming back to defeat Murkowski in the GOP primary.

Palin forced the Alaska legislature into special session to increase oil taxes -- yes, that's oil taxes -- in Alaska, a Republican welfare state. And she vetoes public works projects.

Conservative Weekly Standard pundit Fred Barnes flew up to Alaska to check her out. The magazine thinks her "relative youth and short tenure in office" may hurt her chances. Since when?

Her office says she has not been contacted by anyone for the job and has her hands full in Alaska.

Sharon Leighow
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 4:20 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Request by Metlakatla Indian Tribe to Expand Reservation Boundaries

Governor:

The Metlakatla Indian Community has asked the Secretary of the Interior to extend the boundaries of the Annette Islands Reserve to provide expanded fishing opportunities for its members. (The area they want to add to the reservation would run from the Southern point of Annette Island, south about 35-40 miles to the International Border of Canada and Alaska) This proposal will involve conflict with commercial and sport fishermen in Southeast Alaska waters, as well as with a petition for annexation of land and water to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. It would also constitute a taking of State property (the waters and submerged lands) for which compensation must be paid. Any expanded fishing opportunities for Metlakatla residents in the area of water they are seeking would come directly from other Alaskans currently participating in the state's commercial and sport fisheries.

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 10:15 AM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: interview requests

Governor –

Channel 13 is looking for an interview on your NGA trip. Fox Business News is looking for another Exxon Valdez interview – at this point we don't have satellite confirmation so I'm not sure that will work. And Steve Quinn wants to know if you can call him after hours to talk about the state republican convention and Ben Stevens serving as national committeeman.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 10:24 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Beth C (GOV) Leschper; Michael Tibbles; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow; Sam Bishop
Subject: Governor Pawlenty/VP/NGA

Interesting article. I guess the moral to the story is that proposing a restrictive climate change policy at the NGA winter meeting is not the best premise for selection as Vice President.

The press is still sniffing around this story. NGA staff asked us why Governor Manchin and you didn't sign the letter to Congress on the clean energy initiative.

We told them to say that the letter evolved out of a plenary session of all Governors, was a Pawlenty initiative, and was not pending at the Natural Resources Committee. Therefore, it was logical for the Chair and Vice-Chair of NGA to sign.

Subject: Interesting article on VP choices and greenhouse emissions; advice to McCain

By Robert D. Novak

Thursday, February 28, 2008; Page A17

Minnesota's Republican governor, Tim Pawlenty, carefully prepared his plan for controlling greenhouse gas emissions to present it at the annual winter meeting of governors in Washington. That effort coincided with Pawlenty's fast-rising prospects to become Sen. John McCain's choice for vice president. But behind closed doors, governors from energy-producing states complained so vigorously that Pawlenty's proposal was buried.

Pawlenty's position as chairman of the National Governors Association may prove to be his undoing. While party insiders sing his praises as ideal to be McCain's running mate, leading conservative Republican governors have been less than pleased with him. Pawlenty has collaborated with the association's Democratic vice chairman, Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell, on a fat economic stimulus package as well as the energy proposal.

Hours after Pawlenty's energy plan was derailed, McCain himself was privately urged by GOP governors not to appear to be anti-coal or anti-oil. The upshot of a busy Saturday at the J.W. Marriott Hotel downtown was that Pawlenty came across as somebody considerably different from what McCain needs to calm conservatives. He left the nation's capital as a less attractive vice presidential possibility than he was when he arrived.

Pawlenty, 47, has long been talked about as a good fit for the 71-year-old McCain. He is the most

conservative Minnesota governor since Theodore "Tightwad Ted" Christianson in the 1920s. Elected to two terms (albeit narrowly) in a slightly blue state, Pawlenty is seen by supporters as a plus for McCain in the Democratic Upper Midwest if added to the ticket.

He gets high grades from conservative fanciers of Republican horse flesh, such as Karl Rove, Ken Mehlman and Pawlenty's fellow Minnesotan, Vin Weber. Anti-tax activist Grover Norquist approves of Pawlenty's record, save for one hike in cigarette taxes. The censorious Cato Institute gave him a C for fiscal responsibility in his first term (compared with its grade of F for Mike Huckabee of Arkansas).

Pawlenty has largely avoided the fate of other Republicans who were elected governor on a conservative platform and then fell prey in office to the lure of spending projects and concomitant tax increases. But he has become entwined in the National Governors Association's buddy system by serving as its chairman. That allied him with Rendell and put him at odds with conservative Republicans. Govs. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mitch Daniels of Indiana and Mark Sanford of South Carolina were not happy when Pawlenty and Rendell proposed an NGA-sponsored sweetening of the Bush administration's stimulus package of $6 billion in federal Medicaid funding and $6 billion in flexible block grants.

As co-chairman of the association's energy committee (with Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who gave the Democratic response to President Bush's State of the Union address this year), Pawlenty proposed state goals for reducing carbon dioxide emissions. But at a "governors-only" session that opened the meeting on Saturday, Pawlenty encountered adamant opposition. Barbour led the way for governors from energy-producing states, including Republican Rick Perry of Texas and Democrat Steve Beshear of Kentucky. The issue of greenhouse gases was "set aside," Pawlenty told me, "because we realized there was no consensus."

McCain, who has co-sponsored a global warming bill with his friend and supporter Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.), got more of the same over dinner with Republican governors that night. They made clear that energy was a major issue and that they hoped McCain would be sensitive to energy producers. By all accounts, the prospective presidential nominee was receptive.

That same day, the Wall Street Journal ran a column by Minneapolis-St. Paul talk show host Jason Lewis critiquing Pawlenty's record -- including renewable energy mandates -- as too liberal for him to be McCain's vice president. "If you look at my record as a whole," Pawlenty told me Sunday, "I would be astonished if I was not considered conservative." As for Lewis's remarks, "He doesn't think I'm conservative because I'm a proponent of clean energy, and, from my standpoint, we've got a national security issue."

"We loved Ronald Reagan, but he made some compromises along the way," Pawlenty said, adding, "We don't have a big enough party to be throwing people overboard." Presumably, that also means coal and oil interests.

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Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 2:40 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)

Cc: Troopers

Subject: Public Safety

I have been in law enforcement in Alaska for fourteen years. I have worked in Bethel, Homer, Soldotna and I am currently stationed in Delta Junction. When I was hired by the Alaska State Troopers from a municipal agency over ten years ago, the job of an Alaska State Trooper was highly sought after. Many officers left smaller agencies to go to work for the State Troopers. Over the last ten years the cost of living has skyrocketed. Housing, utilities, food and basic necessities have doubled and fuel is at an all time high. During that same time frame, the wage and benefits for the Alaska State Troopers has been nearly stagnant while other municipalities have done a much better job of keeping up with the cost of living and supporting their employees. In the last five years, I have seen just the opposite in employment. Troopers, too many to count at this point, have moved on to other departments in Alaska or got out of law enforcement all together. At one time, the Alaska State Troopers were one of the top law enforcement agencies in the nation and the premier law enforcement agency in the state. Not so anymore. Not even close. The State Troopers have fifty plus vacancies that will likely never be filled due to the inability to attract and retain new Troopers. As a supervisor for a small Trooper post, I have one of those vacancies. It was filled for two months in the last two years. The remaining Troopers end up working hundreds of hours of overtime each to compensate for the vacancy. We don't have a choice.

Let's leave APD out of the picture. Ft. Greely, which is right next door to Delta Junction, has a police department. A one-year officer with that department makes as much as a five-year State Trooper in Delta. Not to mention better insurance, benefits, scheduling and backup. Do they want to work for the State Troopers? No. Even the new officers from out-of-state know the State Troopers are on a sinking ship. As I struggle to keep the Troopers I have working, I hear comments that top administrators from the Governor on down don't care about law enforcement and if they are not happy with their jobs, they can go find new jobs. I do like my job, but I am certainly disappointed in our support from the top. I remember not too long ago when the former Governor gave the State Commissioners a thirty plus percent raise to "attract and retain" quality members and to pay it's State Commissioners comparable to other states. If finances are that tough for the State of Alaska, which they are not, maybe they should give that healthy raise back. Right now, you have the opportunity to support your State Troopers and adequately fund the Department of Public Safety. Make it possible for the State Troopers to "attract and retain" quality applicants who have a desire to protect the citizens of the finest state in the nation, Alaska.

Sincerely,

Tim Tuckwood
PO Box 16
Delta Junction, AK.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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Cc:"Michael Tibbles" <michael.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>,"Sharon W (GOV) Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,<kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fairbanks News-Miner/Congressional Earmarks

I think that Robert Dillon's story below came out pretty well for us. Hopefully, we can move on to other things with the Congressional delegation.

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Ted Stevens to reveal requests for earmarks

By <http://newsminer.com/staff/r-a-dillon/> R. A. Dillon

Published Wednesday, February 27, 2008

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens says he will begin later this week to post all of

the earmark requests his office has received from local communities and the state.

The move comes in response to calls from some national Republicans for greater transparency in the federal budget process and, specifically, criticism from Gov. Sarah Palin of the congressional delegation's use of earmarks to send millions of dollars home annually.

"There is some allegation that Senator Stevens pulls these requests out of thin air during the appropriation process," said Aaron Saunders, spokesman for Stevens. "By posting these on our Web site, we'll be able to demonstrate to Alaskans exactly where these requests come from."

Stevens plans to post all of the earmark requests he's received from state and municipal governments and private organizations for fiscal year 2009, Saunders said. The deadline for submitting earmark requests was Feb. 15.

The delegation is concerned that there's a disconnect between what the governor says in public and the funding requests that have been submitted by her administration, an Alaska congressional aide said on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak on the issue.

The state has requested 31 earmarks in fiscal year 2009. Of those, 22 represent continuing appropriations from previous years, four have been funded intermittently in the past and only five requests are new.

The state's funding requests are in line with the governor's call in December to reduce the number of earmarks to no more than 10 or 12, excluding ongoing appropriations and earmarks for the Alaska National Guard, said John Katz, the governor's Washington spokesman.

"We have reduced the total number of earmark requests from 54 last year to 31," Katz said. "The total amount of money requested has gone down from $550 million to less than $200 million."

Katz met with Stevens on Monday morning to assure the senator that the state supported efforts to shine more light on the earmark process and that the governor was not trying to pick a fight with the delegation.

"I don't see any problem with Sen. Stevens posting the state's earmark requests," Katz said. "We believe they all pass muster in terms of the criteria set forth by the congressional delegation and the Bush administration.

"In each instance, there's a strong federal nexus, citizen support and reliance on an open and transparent process," Katz said. "In addition, we've included state matching funds whereever possible."

In an interview here on Saturday, Palin said the state's congressional delegation needed to change with the times and significantly curb their use of congressional earmarks.

"We can either put our heads in the sand and ignore the reforms that are coming or we can be proactive and get Alaska in a position to be more productive, contributing more and become less reliant on the federal government," Palin said.

The comments hit a nerve with Alaska's senior senator, who is renown for his ability to direct federal dollars back to the state through the earmark process.

Stevens, also a Republican, ranked second in the Senate in the number of earmarks he salted into spending bills in 2007. According to the nonprofit budget watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense, Stevens snagged $389 million in earmarks for projects back home.

Critics of earmarks say the process is rife for abuse by powerful lawmakers who can direct federal spending to pet projects with little or no oversight.

Stevens has repeatedly defended the use of earmarks, though, arguing that they give Congress more say over how federal dollars are spent.

"The important thing to consider is that each of these requests come from a borough, city, community or local organization," Saunders said.

Stevens supports efforts to make the budget process more transparent and has agreed to adhere to new rules adopted in the Senate requiring both the sponsor and beneficiary to be listed on each earmark, Saunders said.

"The appropriation process is not done in a smoke-filled room in the dead of night," Saunders said. "There's a process and these bills are vetted over several months."

Katz said the governor is not against the use of earmarks as long as they meet certain standards.

"She understands Congress' responsibility to appropriate funds, and earmarking is part of that responsibility," Katz said.

Stevens has repeatedly warned the state that earmarking is on the decline and that important infrastructure projects will require greater share from the state in the future.

"Stevens has gone before the Legislature for years telling them that federal support is going to slow down and that there has to be more support from the state," Saunders said. "It's clear that the state is finally getting the message."

President Bush warned Congress last month that he would veto appropriation bills that exceed his $988 billion budget request for non-military spending for fiscal year 2009 and for cutting the number of earmarks in half.

He also issued an order to federal agencies directing them to ignore earmarks in the reports that accompany spending bills, which are not legally binding. Instead, to be funded an earmark would have to be included in the language of the appropriation bill, which requires a vote by the full committee.

On Tuesday, South Carolina Republican Sen. Jim DeMint said he plans to offer an amendment in the upcoming Senate budget resolution that would establish a year-long moratorium on earmarks.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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Subject: Fw: budget ideas

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From: Meghan Stapleton <Privileged or Personal Material Re

Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 07:36:05

To:<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:Kris Perry <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: budget ideas

Amen, too! And then people can see how much others, including Begich pass along to you.
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remember standing in the Chugiak High School hallway and parking lot talking about oil and gas issues back when I was with Channel 2 and he was quite critical of Murkowski and his naivete in negotiating with people (big oil) who are used to giving bribes in Russia and carrying guns to do business in other areas of the world. He kept saying how strong we need to be as a state and not bow down to big oil. Anyway...

How much time did you get with McCain re: gasline? Anything that could be a press release? Any promises? Could we say you spent good amount of time discussing gasline issues / ANWR? Did he say that he'd talk about Alaska concerning an energy plan / policy during the campaign and in the White House?

> To: Privileged or Personal Material Re

> CC: kris.perry@alaska.gov

> Subject: Re: budget ideas

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> Oh, amen. I told John Katz that - we don't mind at all that Stevens wants to post earmark requests (tho evidently Stevens wanted to do this to ding us) because it will prove we've only asked for 4 or 5 new ones (totaling 30-something that include continuation of old but sensible earmarks with a Federal nexus)... versus the 154 requests we inherited from prior administration that Stevens had to deal with.

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> Too bad Stevens doesn't see our efforts as being good for him, and really our reform efforts are at the request of him and Young - telling us to quit expecting so many federal dollars.

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> Back in DC the whole earmark reform issue was thee hot topic - from speaking with McCain, Bush, Transportation Secretary Peters, other Govs, etc.

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> From the ADN:

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> Who wants what. Stories from the <http://newsminer.com/news/2008/feb/27/ted-stevens-reveal-requests-earmarks/> Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and <http://aprn.org/2008/02/26/senator-stevens-to-make-earmark-requests-public/> APRN say that Sen. Ted Stevens plans a feature on <http://stevens.senate.gov/public/> his web site that will list all the requests for earmarks that come in to his office from Alaskans. "People have got to understand we're here to get those requests," Stevens said. "And the problem is how many of them there are and how difficult it is when some people at home criticize us for trying at all and others criticize us for not getting more."

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> Federal earmarks have become immensely controversial, with specific projects linked to

Alaska's delegation — including bridge proposals and a Florida road funding item pushed by Rep. Don Young — drawing some of the hottest criticism.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 8:30 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Senator Murkowski

John Katz had excellent comments in response to Dillon's questions on this the other day. Did you all see those? They should be shared with Cockerham... Meg also chimed in on this issue the other day, I'll forward her comments bc reporters need to understand the gist of all this - it was our congressional delegation telling us over a year ago to lay off the federal requests, we obeyed.

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Cc:"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Senator Murkowski

FYI as you will likely see Senator Murkowski tomorrow and her chief of staff Karen (Knutson) at the Iditarod. After you and I spoke this afternoon, Karen called me to tell me that Sean Cockerman is doing a story on earmarks and that he interviewed Murkowski's office. According to Karen they kept it positive; respect for the Governor, etc. She is frustrated because she feels that the media is using this to try to divide. (Sharon, I'm not sure if we were contacted or provided a statement?)

On another subject, I told Karen that the 18th looks good for lunch but that I'd have to get back with her to finalize and confirm for sure.

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From: Justin Massey [jmassey@trustees.org]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 7:56 PM
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Subject: February 27, 2008, Executive Session of the KABATA Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Wuerch:

Please find the attached request for information regarding the February 27, 2008, executive session of the KABATA Board of Directors.

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Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 14:15:07

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Agrium Update

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Fowler [mailto:rnfowler57@yahoo.com <mailto:rnfowler57@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Fri 2/29/2008 1:58 PM

To: Kelsey, Mark D (GOV)

Subject: Agrium Update

Governor Palin

I regret to inform you that despite our best efforts Agrium is not interested in our proposal to sell them natural gas in order to reopen their plant in Kenai.

Please don't quote me on this, but Agrium does not seem to have any confidence in the USGS and DNR studies regarding coal thickness and gas content in the Cook Inlet Basin.

We tried.

Best Regards

Bob Fowler

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV); 'Privileged or Perso
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Release: Superior Court Upholds Lieutenant Governor's Initiative Decision

Very good call LtGov! And great presser on it.

----- Original Message -----

From: Morgan, Katryn L (GOV)

To: Morgan, Katryn L (GOV)

Sent: Fri Feb 29 16:28:28 2008

Subject: Press Release: Superior Court Upholds Lieutenant Governor's Initiative Decision

For Immediate Release
08-04

Superior Court Upholds Lieutenant Governor's Initiative Decision

February 29, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Fairbanks Superior Court Judge Douglas L. Blankenship ruled on Thursday that Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell took proper action regarding the 07WATR and 07WTR3 initiatives. The initiatives propose requirements to new large scale metallic mineral mining operations in Alaska.

In his ruling dated February 28, 2008, Judge Blankenship concluded that, "Lieutenant Governor Parnell was correct in refusing to certify 07WATR because it is an appropriation. The lieutenant governor's certification of 07WTR3 as a regulatory measure was correct."

Lieutenant Governor Parnell commented on Thursday's ruling, stating that, "It's important to get certainty and finality on these significant water and mining issues. Though the decision will likely be appealed, it brings us one step closer to an Alaska Supreme Court decision on whether the initiative is the proper route for deciding these issues or whether that is the Legislature's exclusive domain."

If this decision is appealed as expected to the Alaska Supreme Court, it will most likely be consolidated with the lieutenant governor's appeal of a separate Superior Court decision ruling in favor of the initiative sponsors.

Judge Blankenship's ruling can be found at

http://www.ltgov.state.ak.us/PDFs/07WATR-FairbanksSuperiorCourt.PDF.

Further information on 07WATR and 07WTR3 can be found at http://ltgov.state.ak.us/initiatives.php.

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Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 3:56 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meeting Request - ExxonMobil

Just talked to Joe about this. We'll meet with Exxon when they come down on March 5/6. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 15:49:57

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>,"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Subject: Meeting Request - ExxonMobil

This was just hand delivered today, Friday, 02.29.08. Thanks, Janice

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 3:45 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Scan

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Sean personal2; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Water Mining Initiative

Sounds good. Thanks, I'll pass on to Sharon.

------Original Message------

From: Sean personal2

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Cc: Mike Tibbles

ReplyTo: Sean personal2

Sent: Feb 29, 2008 1:31 PM

Subject: Water Mining Initiative

We are getting asked for quotes on the court decision on the water/mining decision in Fairbanks and this is what we've been saying (since this win came in the Council of Alaska Producers case we're focusing on the procedural aspect rather than doing the big victory lap).:

Parnell said, "It's important to get certainty and finality on these significant water and mining issues. Though the decision will likely be appealed, it brings us one step closer to an Alaska Supreme Court decision on whether the initiative is the proper route for deciding these issues or whether that is the Legislature's exclusive domain."

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 1:56 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: City of Eagle Road Improvements and Dust Control

If that's his decision, then yes he should move forward. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 13:25:08

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: City of Eagle Road Improvements and Dust Control

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Thanks,

Randy

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 12:31 PM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: LA morning show on Monday

Sure

----- Original Message -----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Fri Feb 29 12:26:59 2008

Subject: LA morning show on Monday

I got a call-back from KTLA the Fox affiliate in Los Angeles, with an invitation for you to appear on their morning show.

Would be a chance to talk about AGIA and how AK energy can help California.

I have also pitched the "women in political leadership" angle and they are interested in that as the Texas and Ohio primaries are on Tuesday.

The timing would fit in your schedule - you would need to leave the hotel about 7:30 a.m. to arrive at the studio and the 8:45 interview.

They are hoping for confirmation shortly.

Beth

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:51 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Pressers

Both look great thanks!

Hey- Forgit's coming in for a FEMA meeting- want to join us? ;) kidding

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Frank Bailey; K Perry Yahoo
Subject: Fw: Privil

Thanks for your email Sharon. That was new information to me.

------Original Message------

From: Sean personal2

To: Governor Sarah Palin

ReplyTo: Sean personal2

Sent: Feb 29, 2008 9:42 AM

Subject: Privil

Still ok with Privile going to be with you. I know it's taken awhile, but I still think she wants to do it.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:28 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA); Todd; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Psea

Great idea. Pls press Annette on this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 20:09:13

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, fek9wnr@yahoo.com, ftb907@yahoo.com,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fw: Psea

You guys may know, psea could come out w negative ads soon. My email to annette is below.

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Sent: Thu Feb 28 20:07:51 2008

Subject: Psea

Commissioner:

Was thinking we could take the air out of psea's new ads by being proactive and sending a press release out before their ads come out. If they're going to say you and the governor don't understand the constitution we should say FIRST that the governor remains committed to constitutionally madated services and that psea like other unions are receiving bettwr contracts than they've seen in yrs. I'll finish looking over the constitution for you in the morning and get you some specifics for a press release if you decide to go that route.

Ivy

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Frank Bailey
Cc: K Perry Yahoo; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Todd
Subject: Re: Comm

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I'm reducing Security positions (did you know Hammond fired all security! That's cool. He only used troopers for big events, and he'd just call them and give them a head's up, telling them where he'd be. That saves at least a quarter million dollars. It was Knowles (who didn't drive) and Murkowski who built up that over-sized Security dept). By reducing their numbers but keeping the dollars in the budget and shifting them to Comm positions we'll hit our priorities better.

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-----Original Message-----

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 10:07:21

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Comm

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gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote: The vacant Comm position- Mike said you and Beth found someone who will work in the administrative position Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 9:00 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Comm

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 7:26 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Iditarod Sched

Pls sched Sat 7pm at Iditapark: First Family will attend Iditarod Race Kick-off fireworks event.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 6:42 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Todd
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Monegan; Walt C (DPS); Wheeler; Gary R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08

Walt - thank you for your reply. No need to lease an aircraft in the month of May, however. Pls tell John Glass that's not necessary although it sounds like the King Air is unavailable again that entire month for another mandatory 200 hr inspection, we'll be out of Juneau by then as the session will be over. I'll be working out of the Anchorage office in May and will schedule events that allow me to drive to them, and the few locations I'll need to fly to I'll take commercial.

So again make sure you guys don't lease aircraft bc my office will be headquartered in Anchorage that month.

Also, for it to be down again for painting? How much $$$, how necessary is that?

Thanks.

Gary- re: Security's request to replace Tom's vehicle in Juneau: instead of purchasing a replacement vehicle in Juneau, pls have him take over Fred's rig that is now available and/or drive the explorer that's in the House garage. That ought to save about $30g.
Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 18:36:56

To:"Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Walt Monegan" <walt.monegan@alaska.gov>,"Gary Wheeler" <gary.wheeler@alaska.gov>,"M Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08

What day would that be that I'd try to fly commercial from Juneau to Anchorage then on to Fairbanks for next weekend's events?

And again- I have no idea what the issues continue to be with the availability (and $500,000 in recent repairs later) of the King Air, but it's sure a perplexing situation to realize that I never get to count on using that state transportation. I still don't want to believe the rumors/speculation that they're trying to teach me a lesson for selling the jet, but it kinda makes some sense when you consider the unreliability of my transportation that I encounter most any time I'm expected to be at events that aren't on the road system where I can just drive myself.

I hope Alaskans understand why we're not able to show up to as many events as previous Gov's may have been able to attend that require King Air transportation. Maybe touch base with Walt on this? At least ask him "who's in charge" when it comes to availability and maintanence of the state plane.

Even specifically in this case of the King Air being unavailable for my use again now for how many weeks? If this is going continue to be par for the course, we need to just shift gears away from ever expecting the aircraft would be available for my reliance on its use. I'll continue then to rely on my own driving to events on the road system and not accepting as many events that require flights, thus lessening burden on Security and DPS. It seems this is another good reason to capitalize on pending retirements, less Security needs, budget constraints, etc., and we can really pare down travel and security costs (and other burdens on DPS). That's my direction.

The biggest frustration is always having so many scheduling issues "up in the air" (which isn't fair to schedulers nor to Alaskans doing the inviting) and having to guess whether I'll be able to rely on air transportation to get me to pending events and appts.

I'm most comfortable, secure, and have more convenience when I'm able to rely on my own transportation arrangements (specifically road trips) and not reliant on speculating whether I'll be able to use state transportation or commercial.

I don't want anyone to have hard feelings over this or point fingers, but it's obvious that travel and scheduling proceedures can and should become more sensible, reliable and less costly when we get answers on why it's so difficult to count on state air transportation, and we accept that security and travel processes can be pared down from today forward in order to simplify and process travel more economically. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:53:00

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08

I talked with security and DPS has two mechanics working on it right now. They hope to have it fixed by the weekend/first of next week. Once it is fixed they then have to test fly. We should not count on it for Fairbanks - this would have to be commercial flight.

You could take AK Flt., #185 Depart ANC 1:10 p.m arrive FBKS 2:10 p.m.

Return AK Flt., #140 Depart FBKS 7:10 p.m. arrive ANC 8:10 p.m.

Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 8:39 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Todd

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re: Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08

Is the king air available for anything? AGIA meetings? Fairbanks ice classic/international trade event(s)?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 12:04:28

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Schedule - Wed. 02.27 - 03.08.08

Governor - Reggie Joule's nephew died (Russ Kelly emailed you last week on this). Rep. Kerttula was asking if you had touched base with Reggie by phone in this regards. Request

came from Russ Kelly. Thank you, Janice

Wed. - Friday 02.27-02.29.08 7:00 p.m. - Chugiak - Peterscreek Christian Church - Drs. Christian and Robin Harfouche - Miracle Crusade Revival - If your able to attend they would like to meet w/you and share their vision they have for the people of Alaska.

Thursday - 02.28.08 9:00 - 9:25 a.m. - Mat-Su Job Center - Governor invited to present (3) certificates of completion for the graduates of the Career Readiness Training. This request was discussed w/Todd and Thomas Nelson of DOL. If Governor not available they would like Todd. Time can be adjusted.

Thursday - 02.28.08 5:30 p.m. - Sullivan Arena - Iditarod Pre-Race Musher's Banquet (GOV & Family Invited)

Friday - 02.29.08 2:15 p.m. - Town Square, South Side of Performing Art Center - Governor and Piper Invitedto ride down 9-10ft. ice slide. There will be media attending. This is the WILDFEST Winter Festival - a production of Alaska Destination Specialists, Inc. This is the first year of this festival.

Saturday - 03.01.08 2:00 p.m. - Ft. Richardson - Governor asked to attend only - no speech. Freedom Salute - Welcome Home Ceremony. 150 returning soldiers will be present.

Saturday - 03.01.08 7:00 p.m. - Wasilla - Governor and Todd invited to attend the Musher's Ball - Mistress & Master of Ceremony. Colleen will be attending and possibly Kris.

Wednesday, 03.05.08 Juneau - Meet w/St. Paul Mayor Simeon Swetzof, Jr. and appropriate staff assistants - Will provide list of issues.

Wednesday, 03.05.08 Juneau - Meet w/Kodiak Mayor Jerome Selby, City/Borough Officials of Kodiak and appropriate staff assistants - Will provide list of issues.

Wed. - Thursday, 03.05-06.08 Juneau - Emily King/Lea Domkee (JDHS Students) would like to meet with the Governor in regards to HB287 - PFD/Retirement Fund Bill. They have already met w/Russ. RECOMMEND THAT RUSS BRIEF YOU.

Thursday, 03.06.08 Juneau - Stop By - AK Council on Emergency Medical Services Meeting - Anna will provide briefing paper.

Thursday, 03.06.08 Juneau - Speech to the Alaska Forest Associations' Spring Meeting - re: timber supply solutions that the Governor envisions. Privileged or P

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Friday, 03.07.08 Anchorage - Governor invited to attend and give remarks at the Go Red for Women Luncheon. If Governor could not attend they would like 3 min. DVD with remarks from FBKS luncheon.

Saturday - 03.08.08 Fairbanks - Speech to Students Who Enjoy Economic Thinking (SWEET) - Univ. of Fbks - 46 current members. They would like GOV to speak on Alaskan economic growth and State economy. Lt. Gov has spoken in the past.

Saturday - 03.08.08 Fairbanks - Ft. Greely - Speech to Military and Government Contractors - Women's History Month Event.

Saturday - 03.08.08 Fairbanks - Courtesy Call with the new Counsul General of China, Mr. Gao. If not in Fairbanks he would be willing to travel to any city to meet through 03.10.08.

Saturday - 03.08.08 Fairbanks - 4:00 p.m. - Fur and Ice Event. The most

important event for you to attend during this day is the Governor's International Reception. You would not need to attend the tour of Fairbanks. There will be approximately 60 International Guests in attendance.

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Subject: Working Group Report and legislation

Governor:
Just an update – the legislation implementing a portion of the Working Group recommendations (tying salaries for non-union personnel to the SU contract terms) has been delivered to the Legislature for introduction. I understand Mike briefed you on the contents of the bill earlier today.
We concurrently are rolling out the Working Group Report with caveats that the work is ongoing and that not all recommendations will necessarily be implemented.
I am signing the well baby coverage on Monday with Senators McGuire and French invited.
PSEA contract – we're getting closer. They will be in Juneau next week, so I expect we won't come to conclusion today. I expect they'll want to be in JNU to visit with legislators. I briefed Mike on some of the non-monetary portions of the contract that I'm committed to getting.
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Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 11:39 AM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Support Staff

Did you folks see this?

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 11:35 AM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Support Staff

As we have three of our communications staff based in Juneau (Beth Leschper, Andy Mills, Jason Bluhm) and one press staff in Anchorage (Sharon Leighow) the clerical support staff position would work in Juneau – even if we hire additional staff in Anchorage.

Much of the infrastructure that we deal with is based in Juneau. The support staffer would be responsible for:

⇒ communicating with a variety of State of Alaska departments and external audiences

⇒ helping "advance" events – details (how the event will happen, double-checking expectations, location, audience, etc.)

⇒ managing flow of news releases and publications – proofing and managing distribution so we don't send out releases with mistakes

⇒ distribution of hard copies of releases throughout Capitol (even when not in session)

⇒ researching and drafting correspondence for the communications office (we receive an average of about 100 requests per month)

⇒ proofing of correspondence from CR

⇒ maintaining calendars

⇒ managing press logs

⇒ creating/updating media directory

⇒ preparing news clips for distribution to Governor's staff

⇒ managing flag lists and notices

⇒ managing "special day" calendar so releases are sent out timely

⇒ archiving documents as required by statute

⇒ arranging and managing travel for four (possibly soon to be five)

⇒ assisting with communications activities and events (helping plan Town Halls or whatever else comes up)

⇒ assisting with A/V equipment

⇒ maintaining databases and lists

⇒ managing a huge amount of other day-to-day activities – such as answering the phone and sorting mail, dealing with subscriptions, etc.

Beth Leschper
Deputy Communications Director
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907-465-3443
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